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SUBJECT: SMALL SCALE NAVAL EXERCISES BETWEEN MIDEASTFOR
AND IIN

1. JCS HAS REQUESTED DEPARTMENT CONCURRENCE IN PROPOSAL TO
ENLARGE SCOPE OF "NON-SIGNIFICANT" SMALL SCALE NAVAL EXER-
CISES WHICH MIDEASTFOR IS AUTHORIZED TO INITIATE WITH IIN
WITHOUT MORE ELABORATE PROCEDURES REQUIRED FOR "SIGNIFICANT"
EXERCISES. REVISED AUTHORITY WOULD ALSO PERMIT CINCEUR TO
AUTHORIZE MIDEASTFOR TO MAKE EXERCISE ARRANGEMENTS DIRECTLY
WITH IIN, WITH MIDEASTFOR TO INFORM EMBASSY TEHRAN AT LEAST
ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE OF DATE EXERCISE TO TAKE PLACE. WE HAVE
SERIOUS RESERVATIONS RE PROPOSED PROCEDURE FOR DIRECT CON-
TACTS BETWEEN MIDEASTFOR AND IIN WITHOUT PRIOR EMBASSY CON-
CURRENCE. PROPOSED DIRECTIVE IS SET FORTH IN PARA 2.

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WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS.

2. QUOTE: SUBJECT: SMALL-SCALE NAVAL EXERCISES (U)
REFS: A. SM-423-70, DTD 27 MAY 70, SUBJ: "PROCEDURES BY
WHICH THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF ARE INFORMED OF SIGNIFICANT
MILITARY EXERCISES (U)" (NOTAL). B. JCS 6495/031339Z AUG
70 (NOTAL).

(1) (C/NFD) REF A DEFINES "SIGNIFICANT EXERCISES" AND PRO-
VIDES GUIDANCE ON THEIR SCHEDULING, REQUIRING SUBMISSION
OF REQUESTS TO THE JCS FOR APPROVAL AT LEAST 65 DAYS IN
ADVANCE. REF B AMPLIFIED REF A FOR MIDDLE EAST FORCE
(MIDEASTFOR), DEFINING THOSE SMALL-SCALE NAVAL
EXERCISES BETWEEN THE IMPERIAL IRANIAN NAVY (IIN) AND
MIDEASTFOR WHICH MAY BE APPROVED INFORMALLY AND WHICH, BY
INFERENCE, ARE NOT CONSIDERED SIGNIFICANT EXERCISES. REF
B FURTHER DISAPPROVED ALL OTHER MIDEASTFOR-IIN EXERCISES.

(2) (C/NFD) IN VIEW OF THE SUBSEQUENT GROWTH OF THE IIN
AND ITS INCREASED UTILIZATION OF US MATERIAL AND TRAINING,
IT IS CONSIDERED OPERATIONALLY BENEFICIAL TO EXPAND THE
SCOPE OF EXERCISES PERMITTED BETWEEN THE US NAVY AND IIN.

(3) (C/NFD) REF B IS CANCELLED. USCINCEUR IS AUTHORIZED TO
CONDUCT BILATERAL NAVAL EXERCISES WITH THE IIN, AS CON-
SIDERED APPROPRIATE, COMPLYING WITH REF A. FURTHER,
USCINCEUR MAY AUTHORIZE COMIDEASTFOR TO COORDINATE DIRECTLY
WITH THE IIN ON NONSIGNIFICANT EXERCISES, ADVISING
USCINCEUR, CINCUSNAVEUR, AND AMEMB TEHRAN AT LEAST ONE
WEEK IN ADVANCE OF EXERCISE DATE.

(4) (C/NFD) SIGNIFICANT US IRANIAN BILATERAL NAVAL
EXERCISES OCCURRING IN THE PERSIAN GULF, GULF OF OMAN, OR
ARABIAN SEA, WITHIN THE MEANING OF REF A AND FOR PURPOSE
OF THIS GUIDANCE, ARE DEFINED AS THOSE:

A. INVOLVING US SHIPS OTHER THAN THOSE REGULARLY ASSIGNED
TO COMIDEASTFOR; OR

B. INVOLVING A TOTAL OF MORE THAN FIVE SHIPS AND/OR 12
AIRCRAFT OF BOTH COUNTRIES IN ANY ONE EXERCISE, OR A TOTAL
OF 15 SHIP DAYS AND/OR 36 AIRCRAFT DAYS IN ANY CONSECUTIVE
3-MONTH PERIOD (A SHIP DAY OR AIRCRAFT DAY IS DEFINED AS
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24 HOURS, NOT NECESSARILY CONSECUTIVE, OF PARTICIPATION IN
AN EXERCISE BY A SHIP OR AIRCRAFT), OR

C. INVOLVING AMPHIBIOUS EXERCISES OF ANY DESCRIPTION
REGARDLESS OF THE NUMBER OF UNITS INVOLVED. GDS 79. END
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